

General Orders and Special Orders

201.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

General Orders and Special Orders establish interdepartmental communication that may be used by the Chief of Police to make immediate changes to policy and procedure. General Orders will immediately modify or change and supersede sections of this manual to which they pertain.

201.1.1 GENERAL ORDER PROTOCOL

General Orders will be incorporated into the manual, as required upon approval of the staff. General Orders will modify existing policies or create a new policy as appropriate and will be rescinded upon incorporation into the manual.

All existing General Orders have now been incorporated in the updated Policy Manual as of the revision date listed below.

Any General Orders issued after publication of the manual shall be numbered consecutively starting with the last two digits of the year, followed by the number "01." For example, 11-01 signifies the first General Order for the year 2011.

201.1.2 SPECIAL ORDERS PROTOCOL

Special Orders establish a temporary policy or procedure on a given subject for a specific length of time. Special Orders are issued to the organization as a whole, to a division, to a unit or to an individual. Special Orders become inoperative with the passing of the incident or situation that caused the order to be issued.

201.2 RESPONSIBILITIES

201.2.1 STAFF

The staff shall review and approve revisions of the Policy Manual, which will incorporate changes originally made by a General Order.

201.2.2 CHIEF OF POLICE

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall issue all General Orders and Special Orders.

201.3 ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL ORDER

All employees are required to read and obtain any necessary clarification of all General Orders. All employees are required to acknowledge in writing the receipt and review of any new General Orders. Signed acknowledgement forms and/or e-mail receipts showing an employee's acknowledgement will be maintained by the Deputy Chief.